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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE VIEWS RE  
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

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1. THE MISSION'S FY 76 NARCOTIC PROGRAM SUBMISSION (REF A) SHOULD SERVE AS THE BASIC DOCUMENT FOR PREPARATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION. IT CAREFULLY DEFINES THE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC POINTS RAISED IN THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

ASSISTANCE TO POLICE

2. EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO THE THAI NATIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (TNPd) UNDER THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IS USED BY SPECIALIZED UNITS ENGAGED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK. NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAMS HAVE BEEN FORMED IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, THE PROVINCIAL POLICE AND THE BORDER PATROL POLICE. THE SPECIAL NARCOTIC ORGANIZATION (SNO), A PART  
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OF THE 7TH SUB-DIVISION, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 AND

CONTINUES TO FUNCTION IN SEVEN LOCATIONS IN THAILAND WITH 11 MEN ASSIGNED TO EACH LOCATION. THE 7TH SUB-DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE COUNTRY-WIDE FOR ALL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND CONCENTRATES ON PENETRATING ESTABLISHED TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS IN THAILAND AND INTERNATIONALLY.

3. ADDITIONALLY, THE MARINE POLICE ARE FORMING INTELLIGENCE TEAMS TO WORK AROUND THE GULF OF THAILAND TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON TRAWLERS TRANSPORTING DRUGS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. THE JUVENILE SUB-DIVISION OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE HAS UNITS CONCENTRATING ON THE DRUG PROBLEMS OF STUDENTS. THE TNPD DOG SUB-DIVISION IS ESTABLISHING A SENIOR DOG PROGRAM WHICH WILL CONCENTRATE ON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND SHIPPING LOCATIONS. THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD (CNB) AN ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE THE TNPD, DEVOTES ALL ITS HUMAN RESOURCES AND AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF \$250,000 TOWARD NARCOTIC PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION. THE EDUCATION BUREAU FURNISHES NARCOTICS TRAINING IN 8 RECRUIT SCHOOLS, AND IN THE DETECTIVE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE SAM PHRAN ACADEMY (A FOUR YEAR OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL). ADDITIONALLY, THE EDUCATION BUREAU PLANS TO ESTABLISH SIX NARCOTICS MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS TO PROVIDE IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COUNTRY-WIDE.

4. NEWLY FORMED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNITS IN THE BORDER PATROL POLICE, PROVINCIAL POLICE, METROPOLITAN POLICE, MARINE POLICE AND THE SNO ORGANIZATION WERE ESTABLISHED OUTSIDE THE NORMAL TO&E OF THE TNPD. REGULAR TNPD ASSETS SUCH AS VEHICLES AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ARE INSUFFICIENT TO OUTFIT THESE NEW UNITS. FURTHER, THE SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION REQUIRES VEHICLES THAT BLEND WITH THOSE USED IN THAILAND AND THAT PERMIT MANEUVERABILITY IN HEAVY URBAN TRAFFIC AND MOBILITY ON NARROW MOUNTAINOUS TRAILS AND ROADS (MOTORCYCLES).

5. ALL VEHICLES FURNISHED OR PROGRAMMED SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT THE ABOVE UNITS. VEHICLES ASSIGNED ARE BEING USED AS INTENDED FOR NARCOTICS RELATED PURPOSES. FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXAMPLE, THE METRO NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNIT HAS ITS VEHICLES IN A MOTORPOOL AND EACH OFFICER MUST SIGN THE VEHICLE OUT AND RECORD THE CASE BEING WORKED ON, THE MILES DRIVEN, AND THE HOURS OF USE.

6. THE POLICE NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTER (PNSC) IS THE COORDINATING MECHANISM FOR THE TNPD FOR ALL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MATTERS. ALL VEHICLES FOR NARCOTICS

ENFORCEMENT ARE DISTRIBUTED AND CONTROLLED BY THE  
PNSC. THE PNSC COMMANDER HAS ASSURED THE MISSION HE WILL  
RECALL ANY VEHICLES MISUSED FOR OTHER THAN NARCOTICS  
ENFORCEMENT OR DIRECT SUPPORT, SUCH AS TRAINING.

CUSTOMS IMPROVEMENT

7. THE RTG DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS (DOC) DOES NOT HAVE  
SPECIAL NARCOTICS UNITS. HOWEVER, GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
IN THE DOC OPERATION IS RESULTING IN INCREASED NARCOTICS  
INTERDICTION. TRAINING COURSES BY THE U.S. CUSTOMS  
ADVISORY TEAM AND SPECIAL U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE TEAMS HAVE  
INCREASED THE NARCOTICS AWARENESS AND CAPABILITY OF DOC  
PERSONNEL. TNPD DOG SUB-DIVISION IS ASSISTING RTG  
CUSTOMS WITH NARCOTICS SENSOR DOGS AT THE AIRPORT AND  
HARBOR AREAS.

8. VEHICLES AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT PROGRAMMED FOR  
RTG CUSTOMS SUPPLEMENT REGULAR BUDGET PROCUREMENT AND  
ARE USED FOR SURVEILLANCE, INVESTIGATION AND INTERDICTION  
PURPOSES. PATROL AND PURSUIT BOATS ARE BEING PROVIDED  
TO UPGRADE DOC MARINE CAPABILITY. MARINE PROCUREMENT,  
HOWEVER, IS BEING CLOSELY LINKED TO THE NECESSITY FOR  
IMPROVED DOC MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. THE  
RECENT JOINT USG/RTG EVALUATION OF THE CUSTOMS PROJECT WAS  
POSITIVE AS FAR AS U.S. CUSTOMS ADVISORY TEAM IMPACT  
AND PROGRAMMED EQUIPMENT INPUTS, ALTHOUGH IT CLEARLY  
IDENTIFIED NEED FOR CONSIDERABLE UP-GRADING OF MARINE  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. (REPORT HAND-  
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AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

9. PART IV, SECTION C OF REF B DEALS IN DETAIL WITH THE QUESTION OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH THAILAND. THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TWO MAJOR USOM HIGHLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) HIGHLAND AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION - A FINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL (PP) IS BEING DEVELOPED WITH THE RTG. A LIMITED NUMBER OF VEHICLES WILL BE PROGRAMMED TO SUPPORT THE RESEARCH CENTER. THE RTG HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED A CENTER DIRECTOR AND HAS BUDGETED FOUR MILLION BAHT FROM CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET. THE RESEARCH CENTER WILL COORDINATE AND COMPLEMENT MANY EXPERIMENTAL AND TESTING ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE NORTH BY MOAC, UNFDAC AND USDA.

B) ZONAL DEVELOPMENT - THE FINAL PROJECT REVIEW PAPER (PRP) IS BEING DEVELOPED WITH THE RTG. AFTER APPROVAL A DESIGN TEAM WILL ASSIST THE RTG IN DEVELOPING THE FINAL PROJECT PROPSAL (PP). VEHICLES WILL BE PROGRAMMED TO SUPPLEMENT RTG PROJECT INPUTS. THE ZONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WILL SEEK TO DEVELOP AN INTERGRATED APPROACH TO CROP SUBSTITUTION, OPIUM REPLACEMENT AND ALTERNATE EMPLOYMENT FOR HILLTRIBE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FARMERS.

10. IN THE CASE OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIGHLAND RESEARCH, INTERGRATED DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, DATA COLLECTION, AND SURVEYS/EVALUATIONS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE NARCOTIC INPUTS BEING CARRIED OUT OR PROPOSED BY UNFDAC, USDA, AND USOM ARE REORDERING RTG PRIORITIES OF EFFORT (BOTH IN MANPOWER AND BUDGET) TO FOCUS ON HIGHLAND OPIUM GROWING HILLTRIBES WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ALMOST ENTIRELY IGNORED BY THE RTG FOR HIGHER PRIORITY LOWLAND DEVELOPMENT.

UNFDAC CONTRIBUTION

11. THE RTG HAS NOT MADE A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC, ALTHOUGH THE CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED THAT ONE BE MADE (REF C). DESPITE THE LACK OF A FORMAL CONTRIBUTION, THE RTG HAS CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE

OPERATIONS OF UNPDAC IN THAILAND. THE KING'S PROJECT  
WORKS JOINTLY WITH UNPDAC AND PROVIDES FUNDS AND RESOURCES  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HILLTRIBE VILLAGES IN WHICH  
THE UN WORKS. RTG MINISTRIES PROVIDE THE MEN WHO  
SERVE AS EXTENSION WORKERS LIVING IN UN VILLAGES.  
ALSO THE TNPD PROVIDES HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR UNPDAC  
IN NORTH THAILAND.  
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